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An Assessment on the Development of Agricultural Initiatives for USAID/CAR,

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Dear Mr. McDonald:

It is my pleasure to submit to you the final Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan reports, produced by Chemonics International in collaboration with Prime International. These reports are provided to you in fulfillment of the requirements of the Assessment on the Development of Agriculture Initiatives task order referenced above.

The attached reports present information collected during the country visits, according to the three major requirements of the task order. They are: 1) an examination of the agricultural sector, 2) an examination of donor and international financial institutions, and 3) recommendations to the Mission.

The assessment team worked diligently to conduct as many meetings and site visits in each country as possible, and the results were very positive. The individual country reports summarize our meeting notes and provide considerable background information on the agricultural sector and water resource management issues. We hope you find these reports and our recommendations useful for your planning process.

We thank you very much for the opportunity to work with you and other members of the USAID/CAR in Almaty and representative staff in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

If you need any other information, or if I can be of any assistance to you or others in the Mission, please feel free to contact me by email at <u>tfattori@chemonics.net</u>, or call (202)-955-3349.

Sincerely,

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